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# ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

March 31, 2015

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

24 March 31, 2015

  
PATRICK OGAWA  
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF NINE COMPRESSED NATURAL  
GAS-POWERED, HEAVY-DUTY, LOW-FLOOR SHUTTLE BUSES FOR  
FLORENCE/FIRESTONE/WALNUT PARK AND  
EL SOL SHUTTLE SERVICES  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1 AND 2)  
(3 VOTES)**

### **SUBJECT**

Approve Public Works' request and authorize the County's purchasing agent to proceed with the acquisition of nine compressed natural gas-powered, heavy-duty, low-floor shuttle buses for Florence/Firestone/Walnut Park and El Sol Shuttle Services allocated at \$500,000 each (\$4,500,000 total) in Public Works Transit Operations Fund Capital Assets Equipment Appropriation for Fiscal Years 2014-15 and 2015-16.

### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find that this activity is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve Public Works' request to purchase nine compressed natural gas-powered, heavy-duty, low-floor shuttle buses as replacement vehicles for Florence/Firestone/Walnut Park and El Sol Shuttle Services.
3. Authorize the County's purchasing agent to proceed with the acquisition of nine compressed natural gas-powered, heavy-duty, low-floor shuttle buses.

## **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

This request complies with County Equipment Policy P-2710 requiring the Board's approval prior to the purchasing and/or financing of equipment with a unit cost of \$250,000 or more. Public Works is requesting approval to purchase nine compressed natural gas-powered, heavy-duty, low-floor shuttle buses for Florence/Firestone/Walnut Park and El Sol Shuttle Services. The need for the bus acquisition is to replace seven existing buses that are nearing the end of their useful lives for the El Sol Shuttle Service and replace two contractor buses for the Florence/Firestone/Walnut Park Shuttle Service. The new shuttle buses are 35 feet long and have a seated passenger capacity of 33 or 27 when 2 wheelchairs are being transported. The two replacement buses for the Florence/Firestone/Walnut Park Shuttle Service will increase passenger capacity from the existing contractor-provided 25-foot gasoline-powered cutaways.

## **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3). This action enables the County to improve transit services for the public in a cost-effective manner by improving the reliability of the vehicles, improving air quality by replacing gasoline-powered vehicles with alternative fueled vehicles, and increasing passenger capacity for both services by providing larger vehicles.

## **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The total cost to purchase nine compressed natural gas-powered, heavy-duty, low-floor shuttle buses is approximately \$4,500,000 of which \$3,040,225 will be offset by grant funds from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority 2011 and 2013 Call for Projects. The necessary funds to cover the remaining \$1,232,505 in the First District and \$227,270 in the Second District to purchase the vehicles are included in the First and Second Supervisorial District's Proposition A Local Return Transit Enterprise Fund Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget and will be included in the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget through the annual budget process.

## **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

On October 16, 2001, the Board adopted a policy requiring departments to obtain Board approval prior to purchasing and/or financing equipment with a unit cost of \$250,000 or more. This action conforms with and fulfills the Board's policy.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

This service is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 21080 (b)(10) of the Public Resources Code. This exemption provides for the institution or increase of passenger or commuter transit services.

## **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The approval of this request will enable Public Works to provide improved transit services for residents in the unincorporated County areas of Florence/Firestone/Walnut Park and East Los Angeles.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Programs Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER  
Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Rochelle Goff)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office